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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to instances firm. Offers of additional product were mostly light. Supplies were adequate except light sized hens were short. Demand was mostly fair for current shipments. Bulk parts and meats trading was light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was active on thigh meat, fair on other items. Fresh thigh meat moved at 88-89, fresh tom drums at 39 cents.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 12, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2004 CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.50	80.37	68.00
CENTRAL REGION	78.50 **	77.10	67.00
WESTERN REGION	79.00 **	78.55	69.56
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	76.50	76.21	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	76.00 **	75.19	67.00
WESTERN REGION	77.00 **	77.78	66.01

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	112
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	112
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	85

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 15-NOV-2004

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	88.21	17,454,000
16-24 lbs.	92.08	14,272,150

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	280,000
16-24 lbs.	--	280,000

Total Volume: 32,286,150

NOTE: For continuity during the report transition to a national basis,
Eastern Region data will be shown separately until December 30.

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 15-NOV-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	86.98 4220	87.21 2785
SALES (Promotions not Included)	86.98 4220	87.21 2785
SALES (Promotions only)		
SALES (Price to be determined)		

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 06-Nov-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
		<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	851	9	22.25	(A)	852 22.25
South Atlantic	773	-1	30.20	(A)	773 30.20
North Central	2,231	-1	31.12	(A)	2,231 31.12
South Central	667	3	18.91	(A)	667 18.91
West	690	0	23.05	(A)	690 23.05
U.S. total	5,212(B)	1	26.92	1	5,213 26.92

To-date

2004 192,331(B) 311 192,642

To-date

2003 208,330(B) 566 208,896

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week
46,000; for the current year to date 2,316,000; for last year to date
2,842,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	429,228*
November 1-6, 2004	112,269*

To date 2004 4,321,560*

To date 2003 4,640,124*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 06-Nov-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	2,332	2,834	46	1	5,213
Avg Wt	16.42	35.59	25.33	28.49	26.92
Last week	2,165	2,926	63	2	5,156
Same wk yr ago	2,520	3,280	99	10	5,909
Avg Wt	16.18	35.83	24.13	28.00	27.29
To-date/2004	76,855	113,160	2,316	311	192,642
To-date/2003	83,773	121,715	2,842	566	208,896

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 NOVEMBER 2004.

The market tone was steady to fully steady on fresh breast trim and scapula, balance of fresh white meat mostly steady. Demand light to fair with interest centered mostly on 2005 contracts. Fresh offerings ranged from short on breast trim to sometimes adequate on tom breast meat. The market on frozen white meat was steady to instances fully steady, however, some spot unsettledness was noted on frozen wing meat and scapula. Offerings of frozen wing meat with skin was light to instances adequate, but spotty with a few noting supplies not as tight as previous weeks. Offerings of frozen scapula short to instances light, breast trim short of buyers' needs with the balance of white meat light at best. Domestic trading slow to moderate and exports active for current shipments. For domestic: plant grade basted 16-18 lb. breasts 119-135 mostly 119, fresh scapula 115-126 mostly 115-116 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 38-39, fresh thigh meat 88 cents delivered. Contracts for January-December, 2005: fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey 19-21 shipping point, tom drums with 33 cent floor and 45 cent ceiling, fresh tom breast meat with 165 floor and 200 ceiling, fresh destrapped tenderloins with 160 cents floor and 190 cent ceilings delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	150.08	50	144.76	190
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	31	40.13	71
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	40	40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	40.00		40.00	40	40.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	52.00		52.00	40	51.45	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	54.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	53.00-60.00		54.80	100	54.00	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	91.00	40		
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	80	28.33	120
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	211.00-216.00		213.41	340	214.05	440
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	91.00	120		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	134.38	21		
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00-112.00		111.67	60	111.67	60
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	98.00		98.00	20	98.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00-193.00		192.39	75	192.76	195
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.62	370	18.76	410
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	40	37.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	24.00		24.00	80	22.87	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-21.00		20.28	144	20.28	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-85.50		84.75	240	81.55	456

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

****CORRECTIONS:

WEDNESDAY 11/10/04 Should have read:

WINGS, FULL-CUT TOM; *50.75-53*; WTD AVG *51.31*; VOLUME *160*

WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM; LST CODE *M*; WTD AVG. *52.00*; VOLUME 40

FRIDAY, 11/05/04 Should have read:

WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM; LST CODE W; WTD AVG 54.00; VOLUME 20; WEEKLY WTD AVG 53.40; VOLUME 100

THURSDAY, 11/04/04 Should have read:

WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM; LST CODE W; WTD AVG 54.00; VOLUME 20